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The Capacity Of Well Fluids To Form Hydrates

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner For Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

January 3, 2003

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed October 3, 2002, in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 5, amend the paragraph beginning on line 10 to read as follows:

- performing on the same sample a second thermogram in the same range and under a pressure Ph of a hydrocarbon gas, T1 being a temperature low enough to obtain the formation of hydrates in the sample at a gas pressure Ph, T2 being high enough to obtain hydrate dissociation,

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims to read as follows.

1. (Amended) A method for determining gas hydrate formation conditions in a well

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